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TWO LETTERS:

THE ONE,

Sent to the Right Honorable, the Lord *Fairfax*, from Sir *Tho: Fairfax* his Son, Commander in Chief of the PARLIAMENTS Forces;

Concerning his beſieging Sherborn.

THE OTHER

Sent to Sir *Tho: Fairfax*, from Lieutenant Generall CROMWELL;

Concerning

The late Fight at *Shaftsbury*, with the Club-men of *Dorſet*, *Wilts*, and *Somerſet*.

Together with a Liſt of the Names of the Country Gentlemen, or Ring-leaders of the Club-men, brought Priſoners to Sherborn, Aug. 3. 1645.

ORdered by the Commons in Parliament, That theſe Letters be forthwith printed and publiſhed:

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To the Right Honorable, The Lord *FAIRFAX.*

May it Pleaſe Your Lordſhip,

SInce the taking of *Bath*, I have left there two Regiments of Horſe, and two of Foot, which with the aſſiſtance of the Country which is well affected thereabout, I hope will ſtraighten *Briſtoll* very much. I am come to *Sherborn*; the neceſſity of ſtaying in theſe parts till we receive our Recruits and Ammunition, made me willing to attempt ſomething on it, which I hope in a very ſhort time will be to very good purpoſe; if it pleaſe God we take this place, it is more conſiderable then to force *Goring* into *Cornwall*; for the Clubmen of *Wiltſhire*, *Dorcetſhire*, and *Hampſhire*, is like to be of dangerous conſequence, if not prevented: We have taken thirteen or fourteen of their Chief Leaders. Lieut. Generall *Cromwell* is gone out with ſome Horſe to hinder the Club-mens meeting,

which I hear they have appointed, and come to demand their Leaders; we must not neglect this busineſſe, for their violence is probable to Lead them to ſome fooliſh attempt, which I hope may make them repent their Errours, if they will not be adviſed, which way I deſired him firſt to make uſe of. I am ſorry Money is ſo ſlowly ſent to the Army; indeed our Souldiers hath been put to hard Service and ſtrict obedience; but if they want Pay, both theſe will be neglected, and nothing carries on our buſineſſe with more advantage, then keeping our Souldiers from doing violences, which I do deſire we may ſtill be able to do: I ſhall trouble Your Lordſhip with no more at this time; but humbly deſiring Your Bleſſing, Remain

Sherborn, 4. *Auguſt*, 1645.

Your Lordſhips moſt Obedient Son,

THO: FAIRFAX.

Since the writing of this, I now Received this incloſed from Lieut. Generall *Cromwell*, I deſire Your Lordſhip would acquaint the Houſe with it, and that they would let me know what they would have me do with the Ring-Leaders of them.

To

To the Right Honourable, Sir *Thomas Fairfax*, Commander in Chief of the Parliaments Forces.

SIR,

I Marched this morning towards *Shaftsbury*, in my way I found a party of Club-men gathered together, about two miles on this side of the Town towards you, and one Mr. *Newman* in the head of them, who was one of those that did attend you at *Dorchester* with Mr. *Hollis*. I sent to them to know the cause of their meeting; Mr. *Newman* came to me, and told me that the Clubmen in *Dorset* and *Wilts*, to the number of ten thousand, were to meet about their men, which were taken away at *Shaftsbury*, and that their intendment was to secure themselves from Plundering. To the first, I told them, that although no account was due to them, yet I knew the men were taken by your Authority to be tried judicially for raising a third party in the Kingdom, and if they should be found guilty they

they must suffer according to the nature of their offence; if innocent, I assured them you would acquit them: upon this they said, if they have deserved punishment, they would not have any thing to do with them, and so were quieted as to that point.

For the other, I assured them, that it was your great care, not to suffer them in the least to be plundered, and that they should defend themselves from violence, and bring to your Armie such as did them any wrong, where they should be punished with all severity: upon this, very quietly and peaceably they marched away to their houses, being very well satisfied and contented: We marched on to *Shaftsbury*, where we heard a great body of them was drawn together about *Hamilton* hill, where indeed neer two thousand were gathered; I sent a Forlorne of about fifty horse, who coming very civilly to them, they fired upon them, and they desiring some of them to come to me, were refused with disdain. They were drawn into one of the old Camps, upon a very high hill: I sent one Mr. *Lee* to them to certifie the peaceableness of my intentions, and to desire them to peaceableness, and to submit to the Parliament, they refused, and fired at us; I sent him a second time to let them know, that if they would lay down their Armes, no wrong should be done them, they still (through the animation of their Leaders, and especially two vile Ministers) refused; I commanded your Captain Lieutenant to draw up to them, to be in readiness to charge, and if upon his falling on they would lay down Armes, to accept them, and spare them; when he came neer, they refused his offer, and let flie at him, killed about two of his men,

men, and at leaſt four horſes; and paſſage not being for above three a breaſt, kept them out; whereupon Major *Deſburgh* wheeled about, got in the Rear of them, beat them from the work, and did ſome ſmall execution upon them, I believe killed not twelve of them, but cut very many, and have taken about 300. many of which are poor ſilly creatures, whom if you pleaſe to let me ſend home, they promiſe to be very dutiful for time to come, and will be hanged before they come out again.

The Ringleaders which we have, I hope to bring to you: They had taken divers of the Parliament Souldiers priſoners, beſides Coll. *Fines* his men, and uſed them moſt barbarouſly, bragging they hoped to ſee my Lord *Hopton*, that he is to command them, they expected from *Wilts* great ſtore, and gave out they meant to raiſe the Siege at *Sherburn*, when they were all met. We have gotten good ſtore of their Armes, and they carried few or none home. We Quarter about ten miles off, and purpoſe to draw our Quarters neer to you to morrow,

Aug. 4. 1645. *Your moſt humble ſervant,*

OLIVER CROMWELL.

A Liſt

A List of the Country Gentlemen

called the Leaders of the Club-men, for *Wilts*, *Dorset*, and *Somerset*, brought prisoners to *Sherborne* on the Lords Day, *August* 3. 1645. taken at *Shaftsbury*.

Mr. *Iohn Saintlo.*
Mr. *Richard Buckridge.*
Mr. *William Smith.*
Mr. *Thomas Fervis.*
Mr. *Iohn Lovell.*
Mr. *Iohn Eastmond.*
Mr. *Francis Cradock.*
Mr. *Edward Davis.*
Mr. *Henry Haynard.*
☞ Mr. *Lau: Hide.*
Mr. *Thomas Bennet.*
Mr. *Iohn Pope.*
Mr. *Thomas Rose.*
Mr. *Henry Gouge.*
Mr. *Iohn Every.*
Mr. *Iohn Bennet.*
☞ Mr. *Iohn Cary.*
Mr. *Edward Boone.*
Mr. *Nicholas Bingham.*
Mr. *Thomas Rolf.*
Mr. *Robert Squire.*
Mr. *Richard Alborne.*
Mr. *Charles Symms.*
Mr. *Francis Abbot.*
Mr. *Robert Gapit.*
Mr. *Thomas Marvell.*

Mr. *Robert Hollis.*
Mr. *Samuel Forward.*
Mr. *William Fireall.*
Mr. *Charles Studley.*
Mr. *Thomas Brooke.*
Mr. *Io. King.*
Mr. *Edmund Clerke.*
Mr. *Martin March.*
Mr. *Thomas Bunn.*
Mr. *William Sanders.*
Mr. *William Blunt.*
Mr. *Iohn May.*
Mr. *Iohn Corbet.*
Mr. *Richard Craddock.*
Mr. *Iohn Pill.*
Mr. *Robert Fry.*
Mr. *William Ford.*
Mr. *Matthew Marvin.*
Mr. *William Laining.*
Mr. *Henry Goodwin.*
Mr. *Rocke*
Mr. *Williams.*
☞ Mr. *Holles.* Mr. *Young.* Mr. *Itloffe.*

Many of these are Ministers

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